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Re PATENT APPLICATION of: JUSSI
LOPPONEN, ET AL.
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Title: PACKET MODE SPEECH COMMUNICATION

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2006, please reconsider the patentability of the rejected claims based on the following arguments. Claims 1-48 are pending.

The Office Action maintained the rejection of claims 1-48 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sigler et al. (U.S. 5,717,830; hereafter "Sigler"). Applicants traverse the rejection for the reasons previously asserted and for the additional reasons explained herein; Sigler fails to disclose, teach or suggest all the features recited in the rejected claims, in particular the claimed packet mode group voice communication or the claimed operation of the group server.

CLAIMED INVENTION RECITES PACKET
MODE GROUP VOICE COMMUNICATION

The Office Action asserted that the rejected claims do not actually recite features associated with a packet-switched network, packet switched voice packets, VOIP, etc. (see Office Action, paragraph 54). However, each claim defines a packet mode group voice communication. In the rejected claims, packet mode group communication is recited in which voice packets addressed to the group are sent from one group member to the group server which forwards the voice packets individually to each receiving one of the group members on the basis of the individual addresses. Thus, the claims indicate that individual